

Métis Killed During the 1885 Resistance

A complete list of Métis and First Nations killed during the 1885 Resistance has never been compiled. This list is based on the names taken from the actual monument at the Batoché National Historical Park.

The Battle of Duck Lake, Thursday, 26 March 1885

Some 17 of Crozier's men died as a result of the fight; Riel's group lost 5 men, as well as Assiwiwin.

Ah-si-we-in (Ahseweyin or "Assiwiwin" aka Joseph Trottier) (age 84)

An old, half-blind former chief of the Beardy's and Okemasis First Nation, who, leading his horse, had wandered in between the N.W.M.P. from Prince Albert and the Exovedes. He was the first victim of the Canadian invasion of the North-West Territories.

He was buried at St-Laurent.

Dumont, Isidore Jr. (age 52)

Born in 1833 in the Red River Settlement (*now southern Manitoba*) to Isidore Dumont Sr. and Louise Laframboise. His wife was Judith Parenteau. They had fifteen children. He was Gabriel Dumont's older brother. During the *Battle of Duck Lake*, Joe McKay, an Anglo-Métis North-West Mounted Police interpreter, killed him, shooting him in the head during a peace parlay with Leif Crozier, the newly appointed NWMP superintendent and commander of North-Western Saskatchewan's forces - with the opening shots of the North-West.

He was buried at St-Laurent.

Laframboise, Auguste (age 41)

Born in 1844 in the Red River Settlement (*now southern Manitoba*) to Jean-Baptiste Laframboise and Suzanne Beaudry (Gaudry). He married Louise Ledoux. They had ten children. He was a member of Petequaakey Band.

He was buried at St-Laurent.

Montour, Jean-Baptiste (age 25)

Born in 1857 in Assumption, Pembina (*in what is now northern North Dakota*) to Pascal Montour Sr. and Madeleine Richard. He married Caroline Dumont *daughter of Isidore Dumont and Judith Parenteau*. They had two children.

He was buried at St-Laurent.

Montour, Pascal fils (age 33)

Born in 1852 to Pascal Montour *père* and Madeleine Richard. He was married to Judith Dumont.

Montour, Joseph (age 20)

Born in 1865 to Pascal Montour *père* and Madeleine Richard.

He was buried at St-Laurent.

The Battle of li Coulée des Tourond's/Fish Creek, Friday, 24 April 1885

Boyer, François Côté (33)

Born in 1852 at St. François-Xavier, Red River Settlement (*now southern Manitoba*) to Louison Boyer and Madeleine Trottier. He was married to Marie Allary in 1875. He was mortally wounded at Fish Creek on 24 April 1885, and died three days later. He was buried at Batoché.

Desjarlais, Michel

Born in 1853 to Michel Desjarlais Sr. and Julie Bonneau. He married Louise Hamelin. They had five children. He was *also* mortally wounded at the *Battle of Fish Creek* - and died three days later. He was buried at Batoché.

Parenteau, Pierre *fils* (age 24)

Born in 1841 at Red River. He was the son of Pierre Parenteau and Joséphite Delorme. He was married to Hélène Normand. He was Gabriel Dumont's nephew. He was buried at Batoché.

Vermette, Joseph III (José) (age 53)

Born in 1832 in the Parish of St. Norbert, in the Red River Settlement (*now southern Manitoba*) to Joseph Vermette *fils* and Angèlique Laliberté. His wife was Marguerite Sayer. They had eleven children. He was buried at Batoché.

Also killed were:

Captola or Blue Beaver aka Chapitolata - a Dakota Sioux warrior.

He was buried at Batoché.

Wah pitiwakipe aka Joli Corbeau or Fine Crow - a Dakota Sioux warrior.

Watsas - a Sioux warrior.

The Battle of Batoché, Saturday-to-Tuesday, 9 – 12 May 1885:

Two of these dead were English - and four were over age 50.

Middleton reported 8 deaths and 46 wounded on the Canadian side and 51 deaths.

Father Vegreville reported 16 Métis killed and between 20 and 30 wounded.

Eight were buried together in a common grave (wrapped up in canvas).

Joseph Vandal was the only one buried in a box (in the mass grave at Batoché).

Boyer, Gregoire (age 19)

He was wounded at Batoché - and died days later.

He was buried at Batoché.

Boyer, Isidore (age 56)

Born in 1829 at St. François-Xavier, Red River Settlement (*now southern Manitoba*) to Pierre Boyer and Marguerite Bonneau. He married Marguerite Allary *dit* Henry. They had eight children. He was buried in the mass grave at Batoché.

Carrière, Damase (age 34)

Born in 1851 to Elie Carrière and Elmire Landry. He married Marie Pélagie Parenteau. They had five children. The Canadians mistook him for Riel, broke his leg, tied a cord about his neck and dragged him behind a horse until he was dead - some women found him the next day - **a war crime - martyr**.

Ducharme, Charles

No biographical information is available.

Dumont, Ambroise (age 29)

Born around 1856 to Jean-Baptiste Dumont and Domtille Gravel. He married Justine Short. They had two children: Rosalie and Ambroise *fils*. He was wounded at Batoché - died later. He was buried at Batoché.

Jobin, Ambroise fils (age 34)

Born in 1849 at Slave Lake to Ambroise Jobin *père* and Marguerite Mandeville. He died on 23 May 1885 in a Saskatoon hospital as a result of wounds received during the *Battle of Batoché*. He was buried at Batoché.

Letendré, André “Petchis” (age 48)

Born in 1837 in St. Boniface parish (*now Winnipeg, Manitoba*) to Louison Letendré *dit* Batoché and Marie Julie Hallett. He was also known as André Batoché. He married Catherine Godon. They had fourteen children. He was buried in the mass grave at Batoché.

Ouellette (Ouellet), Joseph (José) (age 93)

Born around 1792 to Joseph Ouellette and Angélique, a Nakota (Assiniboine) woman. He married Thérèse Elizabeth Houle and then Joséphte Lauzon. He died on the last day of the *Battle of Batoché*. He was buried sitting upright in the mass grave at Batoché.

Ross, Donald (age 63)

Born in 1822 at St. François-Xavier, Red River Settlement (*now southern Manitoba*) to Hugh Ross and Sara Short. He married Catherine Delorme. He shot and killed Captain French during the *Battle of Batoché* and was then brutally killed in revenge by members of French's Scouts on 12 May 1885 - after being fatally wounded by a

bullet, he was killed by bayonet with his poor defenseless wife by his side. French's Scouts then lassoed his body and dragged it behind a horse, mutilating his corpse - **a war crime - martyr**.

He was buried in the mass grave at Batoché.

Swain (Swan), John "Natumeo" (age 56)

Born at Lake Manitoba in 1829 to James Swain Sr. and Joséphte Descôteaux. He was married to Louise Laverdure.

He was buried in the mass grave at Batoché.

Tourond, Calixte (age 32)

Born on 23 April 1853 in Baie St. Paul (*now in southern Manitoba*) to Joseph Tourond *fil*s and Joséphte Paul. His first wife was Marguerite Ross. He later married Joséphte Gervais. They had three children.

He was buried in the mass grave at Batoché.

Tourond, Elzéar (age 27)

Born around 1858 to Joseph Tourond *fil*s and Joséphte Paul. His wife was Ernestine (or Marguerite) Bréland. They had two children.

He was buried in the mass grave at Batoché.

Trottier, Joseph (age 53)

Born in 1828 at St. François-Xavier, Red River Settlement (*now southern Manitoba*) to Joseph Trottier *père* and Thérèse Vallée. He was married to Julie La Grosse (Grossiterre).

Trottier, Michel

Born in 1832 at St. Boniface, Red River Settlement (*now Winnipeg, Manitoba*) to André Trottier *fil*s and Marguerite Paquette *dite* St. Denis. He first married Angélique Desjarlais. They had seven children. He later married Cécile "Trottier" around 1881.

He was buried in the mass grave at Batoché.

Vandal, Joseph (José) or "La Pioche" (age 75)

Born in 1810 to Antoine Vandal *fil*s and Angélique Saulteaux (Chippewa). He married Louise Dupuis. They had five children. On the last day of the *Battle of Batoché*, he was shot... had both arms broken... and still looking for a fight, was finally killed with a bayonet.

He was the only one buried in a box in the mass grave at Batoché.